

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing functions in a mobile communication device comprising:

generating a consolidated event list to consolidate events according to event type, the consolidated event list comprising one or more event items, with each event item corresponding to a different event type;

dynamically updating an the consolidated event list ~~responsive to designated events~~ by:

adding events an event item ~~to said event list~~ when a new event occurs and the consolidated event list does not already have an event item corresponding to the same event type; and

automatically deleting an event item ~~from said event list~~ when a user ~~responds to the event,~~ and if the event is the last event associated with a category of similar events ~~on said event list~~ has responded to all events corresponding to the event item;

displaying ~~said~~ the consolidated event list to a user on a display;

associating a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event item in ~~said~~ the consolidated event list; and

invoking the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection of an event item from ~~said~~ the consolidated event list by ~~said~~ the user.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said consolidated event list is displayed responsive to entry of a shortcut command by said user.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising sorting said consolidated event list before said consolidated event list is displayed.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein said consolidated event list is sorted in time order.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein said consolidated event list is sorted based on priorities assigned to said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said priorities are assigned to said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list by the user.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein said consolidated event list is sorted based on usage statistics associated with said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list.

10. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication device comprising:

a display for displaying menu items in a hierarchical menu for selection by a user;

a memory for storing an a consolidated event list that consolidates events according to event type, the consolidated event list comprising one or more event items, with each event item corresponding to a different event type; and

a processor configured to:

dynamically update said consolidated event list ~~responsive to designated events~~ by:

adding ~~events~~ an event item to said consolidated event list when a new designated event occurs and the consolidated event list does not already have an event item corresponding to the same event type; and

automatically deleting an event item from said consolidated event list when a user ~~responds to the event, and if the event is the last event associated with a category of similar events on said event list~~ has responded to all events corresponding to the event item;

display said consolidated event list on a display for viewing by a user;

associate a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event item in said consolidated event list; and

invoke the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection by said user of an event item from said consolidated event list.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device of claim 10 wherein the processor displays said consolidated event list responsive to entry of a shortcut command by said user.
14. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device of claim 10 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list before said event list is displayed.
15. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device of claim 14 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list in time order.
16. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device of claim 14 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list based on priorities assigned to said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list.
17. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device of claim 16 wherein said priorities are assigned to said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list by the user.
18. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device of claim 10 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list based on usage statistics associated with said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list.

19. (Currently Amended) A circuit for controlling a user interface including a display, said circuit comprising a processor programmed to:

generate ~~and~~ a consolidated event list to consolidate events according to event type, the consolidated event list comprising one or more event items, with each event item corresponding to a different event type;

dynamically update ~~an~~ the consolidated event list ~~responsive to designated events by:~~

adding ~~events~~ an event item to said event list when a new designated event occurs and the consolidated event list does not already have an event item corresponding to the same event type; and

deleting an event item ~~from said event list~~ when a user ~~responds to the event, and if the event is the last event associated with a category of similar events on said event list~~ has responded to all events corresponding to the event item;

display said consolidated event list on said display for viewing by a user;

associate a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event item in said consolidated event list; and

invoke the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection by said user of an event item from said consolidated event list.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Cancelled).

22. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 19 wherein the processor displays said consolidated event list responsive to entry of a shortcut command by said user.

23. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 19 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list before said consolidated event list is displayed.

24. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 23 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list in time order.

25. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 23 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list based on priorities assigned to said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list.

26. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 25 wherein said priorities are assigned to said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list by the user.

27. (Currently Amended) The circuit of claim 19 wherein said processor sorts said consolidated event list based on usage statistics associated with said ~~events~~ event items on said consolidated event list.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having logic stored thereon, the logic configured to control a user interface in a mobile communication device, and to control said mobile communication device to:

generate a consolidated event list to consolidate events according to event type, the consolidated event list comprising one or more event items, with each event item corresponding to a different event type;

dynamically update the consolidated event list responsive to designated events by:

~~add events to a dynamically updated event list responsive to designated events~~ adding event items when a new designated event occurs and the consolidated event list does not already have an event item corresponding to the same event type;

~~automatically delete deleting an event item from said event list when the user responds to the event on said event list, and if the event is the last event associated with a category of similar events on said event list~~ has responded to all events corresponding to the event item;

display said consolidated event list on a display for viewing by a user;

associate a menu item in a hierarchical menu with each event in said consolidated event list;

and

invoke the associated menu item in said hierarchical menu responsive to selection by said user of an event item from said consolidated event list.

29. (Withdrawn) A method of accessing functions in a mobile communication device comprising:
adding shortcut pointers to a dynamically updated shortcut menu responsive to missed events, the shortcut pointer being associated with one or more missed events of the same event type in an inbox;
automatically deleting a shortcut pointer from the shortcut menu after the last missed event associated with the shortcut pointer has been deleted from the inbox.
30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29 wherein adding shortcut pointers comprises adding the shortcut pointers if the shortcut menu does not already contain another shortcut pointer associated with a missed event of the same type.
31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30 wherein adding shortcut pointers further comprises adding the shortcut pointers if the missed event is not an excluded event.
32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 29 further comprising:
associating the shortcut pointer with a hierarchical menu item that invokes the inbox; and
invoking the menu item responsive to selection of the shortcut pointer by the user;
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32 further comprising:
adding the missed events of the same event type to the inbox; and
automatically deleting a missed event from the inbox responsive to the selection of the associated shortcut pointer by the user.
34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32 wherein the inbox comprises a missed calls inbox on a wireless communications device.

35. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein dynamically updating the consolidated event list further comprises determining a type for the new event, and adding the event item to the consolidated list if the type of new event has not been excluded by the user.